

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-7 (Canceled).

Claim 8 (New): An assembly for ventilating a stator ring, comprising:

branched pipes comprising:

feed pipes,

distributors, and

a plurality of manifolds adjacent to the stator ring and provided with drilled holes, wherein the distributors connect the feed pipes to the plurality of manifolds;

the plurality of manifolds further comprising pairs of half-shells, each of the half-shells including an end plate having an opening and a rim surrounding the end plate, and the half-shells in each of the pairs being joined to each other at the rims; and

the distributors including ducts mounted between adjacent ones of the plurality of manifolds, at least one duct having open ends fitted into the openings of the end plates and having abutment portions to the end plates.

Claim 9 (New): The assembly according to claim 8, wherein at least one rim of a pair of half-shells has a width different than a rim of another pair of half-shells.

Claim 10 (New): The assembly according to claim 8, further comprising:
ribs provided on the stator ring; and

V-notches that support the ducts.

Claim 11 (New): The assembly according to claim 10, wherein, for each of the manifolds, one of the ribs is fitted by friction between two of said abutment portions of the at least one duct.

Claim 12 (New): The assembly according to claim 8, further comprising:
rods mounted on the stator ring, covering and crossing the plurality of manifolds.

Claim 13 (New): The assembly according to claim 12, wherein the rods are mounted to the stator ring by elastic connections.

Claim 14 (New): The assembly according to claim 13, wherein the elastic connections are configured to slide in an axial direction.

Claim 15 (New): The assembly according to claim 8, wherein the feed pipes are respectively connected to the plurality of manifolds such that said feed pipes penetrate into the open ends of said plurality of manifolds and seals are disposed between said feed pipes and said open ends of said plurality of manifolds.

Claim 16 (New): The assembly according to claim 8, wherein the drilled holes of the plurality of manifolds are located adjacent to said stator ring.

Claim 17 (New): The assembly according to claim 8, wherein the drilled holes are configured to blow gas out towards the stator ring.

Claim 18 (New): An assembly comprising:

at least a distributor;

a plurality of manifolds provided with drilled holes, wherein the at least a distributor connects the plurality of manifolds;

the plurality of manifolds further comprising pairs of half-shells, each of the half-shells including an end plate and a rim, the end plate having an opening connected to the at least a distributor, and pairs of half-shells being joined to each other at corresponding rims to form the plurality of manifolds; and

the at least a distributor including ducts mounted between adjacent ones of the plurality of manifolds, at least a duct having open ends fitted into the openings of the end plates and having abutment portions to the end plates.

Claim 19 (New): The assembly of claim 18, wherein at least a rim of a pair of half-shells has a width different than a rim of another pair of half-shells.

Claim 20 (New): The assembly of claim 18, further comprising:

V-notches that support the ducts.

Claim 21 (New): The assembly of claim 18, further comprising:

rods mounted on a stator ring, covering and crossing the plurality of manifolds.

Claim 22 (New): The assembly of claim 21, wherein the rods are mounted on the stator ring by elastic connections.

Claim 23 (New): The assembly of claim 22, wherein the elastic connections are configured to slide in an axial direction.

Claim 24 (New): The assembly of claim 18, wherein feed pipes are connected to the plurality of manifolds such that the feed pipes penetrate into the open ends of said plurality of manifolds and seals are disposed between the feed pipes and the open ends of the plurality of manifolds.

Claim 25 (New): The assembly of claim 18, wherein the drilled holes of the plurality of manifolds are located on a same side of the plurality of manifolds.

Claim 26 (New): The assembly of claim 18, wherein the drilled holes are configured to blow gas out towards a stator ring that is encircled by the plurality of manifolds.